

CLAIMS:

1. A system (100) including a rendering apparatus (120), a server (110) and a network (130) for communication between the rendering apparatus and the server;
the server having access to content, hereinafter referred to as "server content";
separately accessible items of the server content being identified by respective server content
5 locators, such as a URL;
the rendering apparatus having access to further content, hereinafter referred to as "local content"; titles of the local content being associated with respective local content identifiers; the rendering apparatus being operative to render items of the local content and to render server content items that relate to the local content items;
10 the system being operative to generate and to store a plurality of bookmarks identifying respective server content items; each bookmark including a server content locator and a local content identifier; and
the rendering apparatus being operative to render a server content item indicated by the server content locator of a bookmark conditional on having access to a local
15 content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark.
2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rendering apparatus includes a user interface for presenting to a user which stored bookmarks are selectable for rendering of server content indicated by the respective bookmark.
- 20 3. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a bookmark is selectable only if the rendering apparatus has access to a local content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark.
- 25 4. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rendering apparatus includes a user interface for presenting bookmarks to a user organized according to the respective local content identifiers of the bookmarks.

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5. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rendering apparatus is operative to render a server content item indicated by the server content locator of a bookmark synchronous to rendering the local content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark.

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6. A system as claimed in claim 5, wherein separately accessible items of the local content are identified by respective local content locators, such as a time indicator; the bookmark including a local content locator enabling starting the rendering of the local content title at a location indicated by the local content locator.

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7. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bookmark includes a user ID identifying a user of the rendering apparatus, and/or a family ID identifying a family of users of the rendering apparatus.

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8. A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the user interface is operative to present the stored bookmarks organized according to the user ID and/or family ID of the bookmarks.

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9. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bookmark includes a parental level indicator; the rendering apparatus being operative to present a bookmark and/or to render a remote item indicated by a bookmark only if the parental level indicator of the bookmark matches a parental level setting of the rendering apparatus.

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10. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system is operative to generate and store a bookmark in response to an instruction from a user, where the generated bookmarks includes a server content locator identifying a server content item currently being rendered and a local content identifier associated with a local content item that currently is accessible.

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11. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system is operative to generate bookmarks automatically.

12. A system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the system is operative to generate a bookmark for a server content item in response to an instruction to terminate rendering of a server content item to enable resumption of rendering of the server content item.
- 5 13. A system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the system is operative to generate a bookmark for a server content item in response to a user selecting a server content item for rendering, creating a history list of bookmarks.
- 10 14. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rendering apparatus is operative to verify an authenticity of an accessible local content title and to render a server content item indicated by the server content locator of a bookmark only upon a positive outcome of the verification.
- 15 15. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a local content title is stored on a removable storage medium including a medium identifier; the local content identifier including the medium identifier.
- 20 16. A rendering apparatus for use in the system as claimed in claim 1; the rendering apparatus being operative to generate the bookmarks.
17. A server for use in the system as claimed in claim 1; the server being operative to store the bookmarks.
- 25 18. A method of generating a bookmark to content in a server accessible through a network; the method including:
retrieving a local content identifier associated with a title of content accessible for rendering by a rendering apparatus local to the content;
retrieving a server content locator, such as a URL, identifying a separately accessible item of the server content that is related to the local content title; and
30 generating and storing a bookmark that includes the server content locator and the local content identifier.
19. A method of accessing content in a server accessible through a network; the method including:

retrieving a bookmark that includes:

a local content identifier associated with a title of content accessible for rendering by a rendering apparatus local to the content; and

5 a server content locator, such as a URL, identifying a separately accessible item of the server content that is related to the local content title; and

rendering a server content item indicated by the server content locator of the bookmark conditional on having access to the local content title associated with the local content identifier of the bookmark.

10 20. A computer program product operative to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 18 and/or 19.